

Training Given by President Warren S. Jeffs On the Places of Refuge to a Group of Men

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Prayer: President Warren S. Jeffs

President Warren S. Jeffs: Before I go into any training, I am giving you the Lord's word and will concerning you. I must place you under covenant similar to what John Taylor had to do at the 1886 Meeting, where he revealed the word of the Lord that those receiving the word of the Lord through him were not authorized to give what they received to others, except by the Lord's direction through the Prophet. And you will be hearing revelations the Lord has not allowed to be given to the Priesthood people as a people. Only those the Lord names can hear these revelations. This will place you in a special responsibility to live the word of God. You are covenanting to live what you hear, but because you are not the mouthpiece of God to give the word of God to the people, I must place you under covenant to keep silent and sacred what you hear in this training today. This is part of your Priesthood covenants, and this is a training of the redemption of Zion and how to qualify by keeping the Lord's confidence. That is how you earn His presence. I first ask you brethren, will you believe what you are taught and trained here this day?

That is what the Savior asked the brother of Jared: "Will you believe what I tell you?" So I pray the Lord to give you faith, which is the Spirit of God, the gift of belief, the gift of desiring to do His will, and then the gift of the power of His Spirit to do His will. When you enter into covenants, that is what you are doing -- reaching for the power of God, greater faith to do what you are taught. The time is past that we can hear His word and then forget it. So may the Lord burn in your minds and hearts what you receive here today.

Do you receive this covenant of the Lord, through Priesthood, to keep sacred things secret, not even make mention to your families what you learn here, except as the Lord directs you through me?

President Warren S. Jeffs: I put it in my record that all present have entered into this covenant. I ask for your attention, through your living faith, for your very life's sake.

I seek unto our Heavenly Father that His Spirit will be with me and you, and I am here to do the will of my father, which is the will of Heavenly Father, as the previous Prophet becomes the connection with the heavens. And I bear testimony to you that God and the Prophets are involved in this great Priesthood work and in the redemption of Zion. The day of the judgments of God have begun. That day is upon us. And the judgments of God have begun with the House of God. And that means this is the day of choosing.

The Lord has given me your names to call you to a greater work, to the oneness in the mission of the redemption of Zion. For oneness to exist, there must be a oneness of training, and this is why you are gathered here. We have gathered to this faraway place because our enemies are upon us and seek my life and the destruction of this work. So the Lord is placing a confidence in you to gather you here.

I turn to the words of the Lord through the Prophet Joseph Smith, yearning that in your mind and heart you will awaken to see we have been taught. We have known that it was in the Lord's heart and purposes to redeem Zion. And I hope and pray that your mind will be opened up to see what the redemption of Zion is all about. So I go to the beginning of this dispensation, and even before, reading the word of God through the Prophet Joseph Smith. In the record of Enoch, that we have in the Pearl of Great Price, we read that Father Adam foretold the history of the whole earth, and Enoch wrote that record in a book. We read in this record of Enoch that he also was shown the history of the earth, and as he talked with God he witnessed the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the flesh, being crucified, then raised from the dead. And when he saw the Savior

ascend into heaven, in vision, he yearned to know if our Savior would come again.

Moses 7

58. *And again Enoch wept and cried unto the Lord, saying: When shall the earth rest?*

59. *And Enoch beheld the Son of Man ascend up unto the Father; and he called unto the Lord, saying: Wilt thou not come again upon the earth? Forasmuch as thou art God, and I know thee, and thou hast sworn unto me, and commanded me that I should ask in the name of thine Only Begotten; thou hast made me, and given unto me a right to thy throne, and not of myself, but through thine own grace; wherefore, I ask thee if thou wilt not come again on the earth.*

60. *And the Lord said unto Enoch: As I live, even so will I come in the last days, in the days of wickedness and vengeance, to fulfil the oath which I have made unto you concerning the children of Noah;*

61. *And the day shall come that the earth shall rest, but before that day the heavens shall be darkened, and a veil of darkness shall cover the earth; and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth; and great tribulations shall be among the children of men, but my people will I preserve:*

His people in the last days, in our day;

62. *And righteousness will I send down out of heaven;*

That was the Father and the Son visiting the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1820. That was the Priesthood being restored, the angels and the Prophets coming to the Prophet Joseph Smith, the keys of Priesthood of every dispensation being conferred upon him.

62. *And righteousness will send down out of heaven; and truth will I send forth out of the earth,*

That is the Book of Mormon record.

62. *...to bear testimony of mine Only Begotten; his resurrection from the dead; yea, and also the resurrection of all men; and righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for*

there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

63. *And the Lord said unto Enoch: Then shalt thou and all thy city meet them there, and we will*

The Lord with Enoch and his people,

63. *...we will receive them into our bosom, and they shall see us; and we will fall upon their necks, and they shall fall upon our necks, and we will kiss each other;*

64. *And there shall be mine abode,*

His dwelling place.

64. *...and it shall be Zion, which shall come forth out of all the creations which I have made; and for the space of a thousand years the earth shall rest.*

65. *And it came to pass that Enoch saw the day of the coming of the Son of Man, in the last days, to dwell on the earth in righteousness for the space of a thousand years;*

66. *But before that day he saw great tribulations among the wicked; and he also saw the sea, that it was troubled, and men's hearts failing them, looking forth with fear for the judgments of the Almighty God, which should come upon the wicked.*

67. *And the Lord showed Enoch all things, even unto the end of the world; and he saw the day of the righteous, the hour of their redemption; and received a fulness of joy;*

68. *And all the days of Zion, in the days of Enoch, were three hundred and sixty-five years.*

69. *And Enoch and all his people walked with God, and he dwelt in the midst of Zion; and it came to pass that Zion was not,*

Did you get that, brethren? *What made them Zion?*

69. *...Enoch and all his people walked with God, and he*

God,

69. *...dwelt in the midst of Zion;*

That is Zion -- God dwelling with His people, His Priesthood people on the earth.

69. *...and it came to pass that Zion was not, for God received it up into his own bosom; and from thence went forth the saying, ZION IS FLED.*

The testimony of Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy. The Prophets, having the Spirit of prophecy, all had the testimony of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His mission. They saw Him in vision coming in the meridian of time, performing the work of the Atonement, and also coming in the last days in His glory. I turn to another Prophet, the Prophet Ether, among the Jaredites, and this is what he taught that people:

Ether 13

2. For behold, they

The Jaredites,

2. ...rejected all the words of Ether; for he truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man; and that after the waters had receded from off the face of this land it became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of the Lord; wherefore the Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof;

This land we call the land of Zion, what the world calls the land of America.

3. And that it was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of the Lord.

4. Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ, and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem upon this land.

5. And he spake also concerning the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from whence Lehi should come -- after it should be destroyed it should be built up again, a holy city unto the Lord; wherefore, it

Old Jerusalem in ancient Israel,

5. ...it could not be a new Jerusalem for it had been in a time of old; but it should be built up again, and become a holy city of the Lord; and it should be built unto the house of Israel.

6. And that a New Jerusalem should be built upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed of Joseph,

Ephraim, being the Priesthood tribe in the last days, and also Manasseh on this land.

6. ...for which things there has been a type.

7. For as Joseph brought his father down into the land of Egypt, even so he died there; wherefore, the Lord brought a remnant of the seed

of Joseph out of the land of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto the seed of Joseph that they should perish not, even as he was merciful unto the father of Joseph that he should perish not.

8. Wherefore, the remnant of the house of Joseph shall be built upon this land; and it shall be a land of their inheritance; and they shall build up a holy city unto the Lord, like unto the Jerusalem of old; and they shall no more be confounded, until the end come when the earth shall pass away.

9. And there shall be a new heaven and a new earth; and they shall be like unto the old save the old have passed away, and all things have become new.

10. And then cometh the New Jerusalem; and blessed are they who dwell therein, for it is they whose garments

This is the description of those who are Zion, who will dwell in the New Jerusalem.

10. ...for it is they whose garments are white through the blood of the Lamb; and they are they who are numbered among the remnant of the seed of Joseph, who were of the house of Israel.

The Prophets testified of our Savior and of His glorious coming. The Prophets saw the day of the Millennial Reign of peace. As the earth was created in six days and the seventh they rested, that is the pattern of the time of this earth. The earth would have six thousand years, or six of the Lord's days in a telestial state. In the seventh day the earth will rest, when God Himself would come in His glory. The great Prophet Isaiah told of Zion and the people who would dwell therein.

2 Nephi 14

2. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious; the fruit of the earth excellent and comely to them that are escaped of Israel.

3. And it shall come to pass, they that are left in Zion and remain in Jerusalem shall be called holy, every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem --

4. When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning.

5. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling-place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory of Zion shall be a defence.

6. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and a covert from storm and from rain.

The Savior Himself told of the New Jerusalem being built when He visited the Nephites. In chapter 21 of Third Nephi, the word of the Savior Himself describes what will happen, that the great judgments would come upon the people on this land throwing down the strongholds of the gentiles, destroying their cities, their chariots, or transportation systems, their orchards; or, in other words, their food sources, and the people will be swept off the land. But then He promises there would be a remnant, a few people of the Priesthood remain; and though they be scattered, they would be gathered. Talking of the faithful, the few that remain:

3 Nephi 21

22. But if they will repent and hearken unto my words, and harden not their hearts, I will establish my church among them, and they shall come in unto the covenant and be numbered among this the remnant of Jacob, unto whom I have given this land for their inheritance;

23. And they

The faithful,

23. ...shall assist my people, the remnant of Jacob, and also as many of the house of Israel as shall come, that they may build a city, which shall be called the New Jerusalem.

24. And then shall they assist my people that they may be gathered in, who are scattered upon all the face of the land, in unto the New Jerusalem.

25. And then shall the power of heaven come down among them; and I also will be in the midst.

God Himself will be among His people.

26. And then

After the city is built,

26. And then shall the work of the Father commence at that day, even when this gospel shall be preached among the remnant of this people.

The Lamanites and the Nephite blood among them.

26. ...Verily I say unto you, at that day shall the work of the Father commence among all the dispersed of my people, yea, even the tribes which have been lost, which the Father hath led away out of Jerusalem.

So the Ten Tribes will be gathered.

27. Yea, the work shall commence among all the dispersed of my people, with the Father, to prepare the way whereby they may come unto me, that they may call on the Father in my name.

28. Yea, and then

After the city is built, and even as it is being built,

28. Yea, and then shall the work commence, with the Father, among all nations, in preparing the way whereby his people may be gathered home to the land of their inheritance.

29. And they shall go out from all nations; and they shall not go out in haste, nor go by flight, for I will go before them, saith the Father, and I will be their rearward.

Uncle Roy taught us, referring to this chapter 21 of Third Nephi, that after the city of the New Jerusalem is built, a great missionary work would go forth among the Lamanites, the Ten Tribes, and to the nations of the earth.

The Lord has promised all the ancient Prophets that in the latter days there would be a Priesthood people prepared and used to establish the fulness of Zion. As we study the history of the Prophet Joseph Smith in this last dispensation, we see that the Lord, right from the beginning of teaching the Prophet Joseph, pointed him to the redemption of Zion. I will refer to Sections in the Doctrine and Covenants, these revelations, and I encourage you to read the entire Sections, as I will read parts of them. Perhaps before you leave we can rename the Sections.

I trust this will be a review to you -- events in the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith. I seek to name this in date order, and I name the dates as we go along, that you can see that the Lord led the Prophet Joseph Smith and that people in his day on a straight course to build up and redeem Zion and build the New Jerusalem, to show you that was

what the Lord wanted accomplished in this dispensation. And this will also show us, as a review, that all our lives we have known these things, and we have known the teachings and requirements we must live to build up Zion.

As the Prophet Joseph was translating the Book of Mormon, men would come to him and seek the Lord's will in their lives. The Prophet Joseph Smith's father came, Oliver Cowdery came, Hyrum Smith came, and we read in some of these revelations the Lord's directive.

D. & C. 6

6. *Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.*

Section 6, the Lord's word to Oliver Cowdery.

7. *Seek not for riches but for wisdom, and behold, the mysteries of God shall be unfolded unto you, and then shall you be made rich. Behold, he that hath eternal life is rich.*

Section 11, the word of God to the Prophet Joseph's brother, Hyrum.

D. & C. 11

6. *Now, as you have asked, behold, I say unto you, keep my commandments, and seek to bring forth and establish the cause of Zion.*

So already the Lord was pointing the Prophet Joseph and that people to build up Zion. The Priesthood was restored May 15, 1829, when John the Baptist appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and conferred upon them the Aaronic Priesthood. About one month later, June of 1829, Peter, James and John appeared and conferred upon Joseph Smith and then Oliver Cowdery the Melchizedek Priesthood. Then on April 6, 1830, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized, a branch of the Priesthood through which the people would be tutored and trained in the ways of Godliness. And this beginning work took place principally in the State of New York. After the Church was organized, missionaries were sent forth, and most of the converts were in the State of New York. And for that first year, after the Church was organized, most of the Prophet Joseph's labors were in New York State.

Oliver Cowdery was sent west to preach to the Lamanites, and he was led by the Spirit of God to go to Missouri, to the borders of the United States. But at this time, this first year of the Church, the people did not know about the location of the New Jerusalem. They rejoiced in receiving the word of God by receiving the first principles of the Gospel. Yet the Lord pointed the Prophet Joseph and the people to Zion, to a greater work in these early revelations.

Trusting you have in your mind what the United States is like, the map in other words, New York is in the East. Then moving westward from New York will be Ohio, and further on, Missouri. At the end of 1830, December 1830, Section 37 was given and the Lord gave a commandment to the Church to move to the Ohio. So here was a test -- who was with God and the Prophet? Who would move when the Lord directed?

D. & C. 37

1. *Behold, I say unto you that it is not expedient in me that ye should translate any more*

He was translating the Bible. The Book of Mormon was already published at this time, by December, 1830.

1. *...it is not expedient in me that you should translate any more until ye shall go to the Ohio, and this because of the enemy and for your sakes.*

Oliver Cowdery had traveled with other missionaries to Kirtland, Ohio, which is in northeastern Ohio, and there met Sidney Rigdon and a group of people in Kirtland who were seeking the truth. They left some copies of the Book of Mormon. Sidney Rigdon sought out Joseph Smith, and Joseph Smith was still in the State of New York. Sidney Rigdon was converted. But now the Lord said, "Move to the Ohio."

2. *And again, I say unto you that ye shall not go until ye have preached my gospel in those parts, and have strengthened up the church whithersoever it is found, and more especially in Colesville;*

That was in southern New York.

2. *...for, behold, they pray unto me in much faith.*

3. *And again, a commandment I give unto the church, that it is expedient in me that they should assemble together at the Ohio, against the time that my servant Oliver Cowdery shall return unto them.*

On January 2, 1831, always through the Prophet seeking the Lord in great faith, Section 38 was given. The Lord describes at the beginning of this Section that there will be a cleansing of the earth and only the pure in heart shall remain, that He is the God that has taken the Zion of Enoch unto His own bosom and so on.

D. & C. 38

7. *But behold, verily, verily, I say unto you that mine eyes are upon you. I am in your midst and ye cannot see me;*

8. *But the day soon cometh that ye shall see me, and know that I am; for the veil of darkness shall soon be rent, and he that is not purified shall not abide the day. ****

In telling them to move to the Ohio, the Lord pointed them, in this revelation, even beyond moving to Ohio, that there would yet be another land beyond that that they would go to.

13. *And now I show unto you a mystery, a thing which is had in secret chambers, to bring to pass even your destruction in process of time, and ye knew it not;*

14. *But now I tell it unto you, and ye are blessed, not because of your iniquity, neither your hearts of unbelief; for verily some of you are guilty before me, but I will be merciful unto your weakness.*

15. *Therefore, be ye strong from henceforth; fear not, for the kingdom is yours.*

16. *And for your salvation I give unto you a commandment, for I have heard your prayers, and the poor have complained before me, and the rich have I made, and all flesh is mine, and I am no respecter of persons.*

17. *And I have made the earth rich, and behold it is my footstool, wherefore, again I will stand upon it.*

As He points the people to Zion, He reveals that He will come and dwell among the Priesthood people.

18. *And I hold forth and deign to give unto you greater riches, even a land of promise, a land flowing with milk and honey, upon which there shall be no curse when the Lord cometh;*

19. *And I will give it unto you for the land of your inheritance, if you seek it with all your hearts.*

20. *And this shall be my covenant with you, ye shall have it for the land of your inheritance, and for the inheritance of your children forever, while the earth shall stand, and ye shall possess it again in eternity, no more to pass away.*

21. *But, verily I say unto you that in time ye shall have no king nor ruler, for I will be your king and watch over you.*

22. *Wherefore, hear my voice and follow me, and you shall be a free people, and ye shall have no laws but my laws when I come, for I am your lawgiver, and what can stay my hand? ****

He told us to esteem our brother as ourselves and live in virtue and holiness, training them how to be Zion. And then He said that there was a secret combination among the wicked to kill Joseph Smith and others, and this is why they must move to the Ohio where there would be a stronghold of the Lord, where there was a church established in Kirtland in that area.

31. *And that ye might escape the power of the enemy, and be gathered unto me a righteous people, without spot and blameless --*

32. *Wherefore, for this cause I gave unto you the commandment that ye should go to the Ohio; and there I will give unto you my law; and there you shall be endowed with power from on high;*

33. *And from thence, whosoever I will shall go forth among all nations, and it shall be told them what they shall do; for I have a great work laid up in store, for Israel shall be saved, and I will lead them whithersoever I will, and no power shall stay my hand.*

He then told them to help the poor in New York and strengthen the people, and Joseph Smith was to move to Kirtland, Ohio; And then the Colesville branch in New York should move near Kirtland, which they did.

As we go through the history we see the revelations of God point the people to build up the New Jerusalem and to build up Zion. After Joseph

Smith arrived in Kirtland, Ohio, on February 4, 1831, Section 41 was given. The Lord told Joseph Smith and the people to prepare their hearts for the Law of the Church, which we know as Section 42. I read this to you brethren so you will be prepared to receive the word of God here. And realize in learning His will, the Lord's will, there is a great responsibility upon us.

D. & C. 41

2. *Hearken, O ye elders of my church whom I have called, behold I give unto you a commandment, that ye shall assemble yourselves together to agree upon my word;*

3. *And by the prayer of your faith ye shall receive my law, that ye may know how to govern my church and have all things right before me.*

4. *And I will be your ruler when I come; and behold, I come quickly, and ye shall see that my law is kept.*

He is pointing us to the time where He would be among us personally, and we would see Him face to face. So in the midst of the redemption of Zion, we must realize we are preparing for the presence of God Himself, and we must be like God, filled with the Holy Spirit of God, to be Zion and to stand in His presence.

5. *He that receiveth my law and doeth it, the same is my disciple; and he that saith he receiveth it and doeth it not, the same is not my disciple, and shall be cast out from among you;*

And that is the cleaning up that is taking place among the Priesthood people now.

6. *For it is not meet that the things which belong to the children of the kingdom should be given to them that are not worthy, or to dogs, or the pearls to be cast before swine. ****

The Lord then named Edward Partridge to be ordained and set apart as Bishop, first in that land of Kirtland.

12. *These words are given unto you, and they are pure before me; wherefore, beware how you hold them, for they are to be answered upon your souls in the day of judgment.*

Before the Lord gave the Law of the Church, He told them to prepare their minds and their hearts. A few days later, on February 9, 1831, the Lord

gave Section 42, known as the Law of the Church. And in this revelation the Lord names the building up of the New Jerusalem, and the law, the Celestial Law, that the people must live to build up Zion. read a few verses from Section 42.

D. & C. 42

1. *Hearken, O ye elders of my church, who have assembled yourselves together in my name, even Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, the Savior of the world; inasmuch as ye believe on my name and keep my commandments.*

2. *Again I say unto you, hearken and hear and obey the law which I shall give unto you.*

3. *For verily I say, as ye have assembled yourselves together according to the commandment wherewith I commanded you, and are agreed as touching this one thing, and have asked the Father in my name, even so ye shall receive.*

4. *Behold, verily I say unto you, I give unto you this first commandment, that ye shall go forth in my name, every one of you, excepting my servants Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon. ****

And He sent them forth to go two by two to preach the Gospel and baptize with water.

8. *And from this place*

There at Kirtland,

8. *...ye shall go forth into the regions westward; and inasmuch as ye shall find them that will receive you ye shall build up my church in every region --*

9. *Until the time shall come when it shall be revealed unto you from on high, when the city of the New Jerusalem shall be prepared, that ye may be gathered in one, that ye may be my people and I will be your God. ****

So here, February 9, 1831, the Lord named the New Jerusalem being built on this land and that they were working toward that goal, that they wouldn't be remaining in Kirtland, Ohio, but there would be another land. They would be gathered in one. Then the Lord gives His law, many commandments given; and we have in this Section 42 the Celestial Law called the Holy United Order. Details are given that all belongs unto God. We consecrate and give our all and then receive a

stewardship -- the law of consecrations and stewardships -- giving our all unto the Bishop and him appointing what we should receive. In the midst of this training on how to live the United Order, the Lord points our minds in the living of the Holy United Order, that this is the law by which the New Jerusalem and Zion would be established. Section 42 verse 34:

34. *Therefore, the residue shall be kept in my storehouse,*

And what would the consecrations and tithings and blessings given to the Bishop be used for?

34. *...to administer to the poor and the needy, as shall be appointed by the high council of the church, and the bishop and his council;*

35. *And for the purpose of purchasing lands for the public benefit of the church, and building houses of worship, and building up of the New Jerusalem which is hereafter to be revealed --*

36. *That my covenant people may be gathered in one in that day when I shall come to my temple. And this I do for the salvation of my people.*

So the Holy United Order was revealed to establish Zion and build up the New Jerusalem, as the Lord named here. We read later that the Lord intended Kirtland to be a stronghold for five more years after they moved there, and then they would go forth to the Center Stake. The Lord kept pointing the people to the Millennial reign of peace and the building up of Zion. Section 43:

D. & C. 43

28. *Wherefore, labor ye, labor ye in my vineyard for the last time -- for the last time call upon the inhabitants of the earth.*

29. *For in mine own due time will I come upon the earth in judgment, and my people shall be redeemed and shall reign with me on earth.*

30. *For the great Millennium, of which I have spoken by the mouth of my servants, shall come.*

Again, February 1831, how Joseph Smith was in Kirtland, Ohio, on March 7, 1831, still within the first year after the Church was organized, the Lord gave Section 45. And in this revelation the Lord names the great judgments and destructions that would come upon the wicked, and also His glorious appearing to His people. And in this

Section the Lord names and points the people to Zion and the condition of Zion.

D. & C. 45

55. *And Satan shall be bound, that he shall have no place in the hearts of the children of men.*

56. *And at that day, when I shall come in my glory, shall the parable be fulfilled which I spake concerning the ten virgins.*

57. *For they that are wise and have received the truth, and have taken the Holy Spirit for their guide, and have not been deceived -- verily I say unto you, they shall not be hewn down and cast into the fire, but shall abide the day.*

58. *And the earth shall be given unto them for an inheritance; and they*

The obedient,

58. *...shall multiply and wax strong, and their children shall grow up without sin unto salvation.*

59. *For the Lord shall be in their midst,*

Throughout all these revelations we see God among the people is Zion.

59. *...and his glory shall be upon them, and he will be their king and their lawgiver.*

60. *And now, behold, I say unto you, it shall not be given unto you to know any further concerning this chapter,*

This certain chapter in the Bible the Prophets Joseph was translating.

60. *...until the New Testament be translated, and in it all these things shall be made known; ****

Then the Lord said:

65. *And with one heart and with one mind, gather up your riches that ye may purchase an inheritance which shall hereafter be appointed unto you.*

66. *And it shall be called the New Jerusalem, a land peace, a city of refuge, a place of safety for the saints of the Most High God;*

They had just moved to Kirtland, Ohio, and now the Lord was pointing them to purchase another land beyond Kirtland, Ohio, and gather up the riches; and they would, through their faith, have revealed to them, through the Prophet Joseph, where the New Jerusalem is.

67. *And the glory of the Lord shall be there, and the terror of the Lord also shall be there, insomuch that the wicked will not come unto it, and it shall be called Zion.*

68. *And it shall come to pass among the wicked, that every man that will not take his sword against his neighbor must needs flee unto Zion for safety.*

69. *And there shall be gathered unto it out of every nation under heaven; and it shall be the only people that shall not be at war one with another.*

70. *And it shall be said among the wicked: Let us not go up to battle against Zion, for the inhabitants of Zion are terrible; wherefore we cannot stand.*

71. *And it shall come to pass that the righteous shall be gathered out from among all nations, and shall come to Zion, singing with songs of everlasting joy.*

72. *And now I say unto you, keep these things from going abroad unto the world until it is expedient in me, ****

Then He says:

74. *For when the Lord shall appear he shall be terrible unto them,*

The wicked.

74. *...that fear may seize upon them, and they shall stand afar off and tremble.*

75. *And all nations shall be afraid because of the terror of the Lord, and the power of his might.*

So brethren, awaken to this reality that throughout the Prophet Joseph Smith's experience, the Lord was pointing Him and the people to the New Jerusalem and the building up of Zion. We know, in hearing the Prophets in our time, they constantly pointed us to the redemption of Zion, and referred to these revelations. All our lives we have known of the redemption of Zion.

The people were yearning to know of these things, and finally Section 52 was given June 7, 1831, just a little over a year after the Church was organized. And in this Section the Lord named where they should go to find the New Jerusalem, this land of their inheritance where they would purchase the lands. Reading from Section 52:

D. & C. 52

1. *Behold, thus saith the Lord unto the elder, whom he hath called and chosen in these last days by the voice of his Spirit --*

2. *Saying: I, the Lord, will make known unto you what I will that ye shall do from this time until the next conference, which shall be held in Missouri, upon the land which I will consecrate unto my people, which are a remnant of Jacob, and those who are heirs according to the covenant.*

3. *Wherefore, verily I say unto you, let my servants Joseph Smith, Jun., and Sidney Rigdon take their journey as soon as preparations can be made to leave their homes,*

In Kirtland.

3. *...and journey to the land of Missouri.*

4. *And inasmuch as they are faithful unto me, it shall be made known unto them what they shall do;*

He commanded them to just go, and as they traveled He would lead them.

5. *And it shall also, inasmuch as they are faithful, be made known unto them the land of your inheritance.*

This New Jerusalem.

6. *And inasmuch as they are not faithful, they shall be cut off, even as I will, as seemeth me good.*

Then the Lord named many elders to travel two by two to the land of Missouri and gather there. I will read some of the names: Lyman Wight and John Corril, John Murdock and Hyrum Smith, Thomas B. Marsh and Ezra Thayre, Isaac Morley and Ezra Booth, Edward Partridge and Martin Harris were to travel with Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon. David Whitmer and Harvey Whitlock, Parley P. Pratt and Orson Pratt, Solomon Hancock and Simeon Carter, Edson Fuller and Jacob Scott, Levi W. Hancock and Zebedee Coltrin, Reynolds CaHoon and Samuel Heaven. Smith, Wheeler and William Carter, Newel Knight and Salah J. Griffin, and so on.

These men traveled to Missouri, and in July 1831, the Prophet Joseph Smith, with these brethren, for the first time stood at the Center Stake of Zion. And as he stood there in Jackson County, Missouri, the Lord gave Section 57, also Sections 58 and 59. And here the Lord named where the

New Jerusalem is and where the temple would be built.

D. & C. 57

1. *Hearken, O ye elders of my church, saith the Lord your God, who have assembled yourselves together, according to my commandments, in this land, which is the land of Missouri, which is the land which I have appointed and consecrated for the gathering of the saints.*

2. Wherefore, this is the land of promise, and the place for the city of Zion.

3. *And thus saith the Lord your God, if you will receive wisdom here is wisdom. Behold, the place which is now called Independence is the center place; and a spot for the temple is lying westward, upon a lot which is not far from the court-house.*

4. *Wherefore, it is wisdom that the land should be purchased by the saints, and also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly between Jew and Gentile;*

The border of Kansas and Missouri was the border of the United States. The "Jew" He referred to is the Lamanite, or the Indians. They had been driven westward. The "gentile" meant the United States of America. They were to purchase the lands to the borders of the United States and all round about.

5. *And also every tract bordering by the prairies, inasmuch as my disciples are enabled to buy lands. Behold, this is wisdom, that they may obtain it for an everlasting inheritance.*

Joseph Smith himself bought around sixty acres, buying the temple site and that area round about the center of where the New Jerusalem is to be built. Then the Lord began training how Zion must be built, and He set the pattern that people are called by revelation to build Zion. Sidney Gilbert was named to move to the Center Stake, operate a store and to buy land. Edward Partridge was named to move and be the Bishop there. William W. Phelps was told to move there and establish printing and publishing church books to fulfill the prophecy that the word of the Lord would go forth from Zion. Oliver Cowdery was named to go to Jackson County, Missouri to help guide the brethren in their missions. Others would be named. The Prophet Joseph Smith spent two or

three weeks there on this first trip to the Center Stake, and before anyone moved there permanently, of the saints, the Lord gave Sections 58 and 59, naming how Zion will be redeemed. August 1, 1831, again just a little over a year after the Church was organized, the Lord names what the saints would have to go through to build up Zion. I read the first few verses of Section 58.

D. & C. 58

1. *Hearken, O ye elders of my church, and give ear to my word, and learn of me what I will concerning you, and also concerning this land unto which I have sent you.*

2. *For verily I say unto you, blessed is he that keepeth my commandments, whether in life or in death; and he that is faithful in tribulation, the reward of the same is greater in the kingdom of heaven.*

3. *Ye cannot behold with your natural eyes, Your earthly eyes.*

3. *...for the present time, the design of your God concerning those things which shall come hereafter, and the glory which shall follow after much tribulation.*

4. For after much tribulation come the blessings.

So right at the beginning, before any of the saints moved to build up Zion at the Center Stake, the Lord declared Zion would be redeemed through much tribulation. But those who go through the tribulations must do as the Lord directs here -- rejoice in Him for the privilege to help build Zion, and we must keep Zion growing no matter what we go through, by keeping sweet.

4. *...Wherefore the day cometh that ye shall be crowned with much glory; the hour is not yet, but is nigh at hand.*

5. *Remember this, which I tell you before, that you may lay it to heart, and receive that which is to follow.*

6. *Behold, verily I say unto you, for this cause I have sent you -- that you might be obedient, and that your hearts might be prepared to bear testimony of the things which are to come;*

7. And also that you might be honored in laying the foundation, and in bearing record of the land upon which the Zion of God shall stand. ***

19. For verily I say unto you, my law shall be kept on this land.

20. Let no man think he is ruler; but let God rule him that judgeth,

We were told in this to do many good things of our own free will and bring to pass much righteousness, to not be idle. On August 7, 1831, Section 59 was given as Joseph Smith and those brethren were on the land of Zion, in Jackson County, Missouri. And brethren, this is the revelation that describes Zion and how to be Zion. I point this out strongly because all our lives we have known this. Listen carefully, that before anyone moved to the Center Stake, of the Priesthood people, the Lord named the laws they must be lived to be Zion. They knew the conditions and the laws, before they moved there, that they had to live, and that was their covenant with God -- the New and Everlasting Covenant.

D. & C. 59

1. Behold, blessed, saith the Lord, are they who have come up unto this land with an eye single to my glory, according to my commandments.

So there is the pattern. Your eye must be single to His glory according to His commandments.

2. For those that live shall inherit the earth, and those that die shall rest from all their labors, and their works shall follow them; and they shall receive a crown in the mansions of my Father, which I have prepared for them.

3. Yea, blessed are they whose feet stand upon the land of Zion, who have obeyed my gospel; for they shall receive for their reward the good things of the earth, and it shall bring forth in its strength.

4. And they

The obedient,

4. ...shall also be crowned with blessings from above, yea, and with commandments not a few, and with revelations in their time -- they that are faithful and diligent before me.

Here is Zion, brethren:

5. Wherefore, I give unto them a commandment, saying thus: Thou shalt love the

Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, mind, and strength; and in the name of Jesus Christ thou shalt serve him.

That is the New and Everlasting Covenant restored when the Priesthood was restored. That is the oath and covenant of the holy Melchizedek Priesthood and of every Priesthood ordinance, to love and serve God, love Him by obeying Him -- live by every word of God, and that is how we show we love Him. And then we must live His commandments.

6. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. ***

So the first two great commandments were named as the conditions to build up Zion, the laws that we must live. Before any of the saints moved there, this was given, and they knew it. Then details are given in this revelation of how to live the first two great commandments. They are told what not to do -- "Thou shalt not steal," and do other evils -- then they are told what to do.

7. Thou shalt thank the Lord thy God in all things.

8. Thou shalt offer a sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in righteousness, even that of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

They were to live in rejoicing prayer in all things, acknowledging God in all things with a prayer of rejoicing. Brethren, they were taught. They explored the land. They dedicated the land for the gathering of the saints. They dedicated the temple site. And then they returned to Kirtland, preaching the Gospel along the way. These men appointed then moved themselves and their families to Jackson County, Missouri, and the Bishop began establishing the law of consecration and stewardships, the Holy United Order. More revelations were given on how to live the Holy United Order. Joseph Smith stayed in Kirtland and that area mostly. But then the Lord told him to return a second time to Jackson County, Missouri, and on this second trip revelations were given; and again, the conditions of how to be Zion are named. Section 82, a revelation on the Holy United Order:

D. & C. 82

8. And again, I say unto you, I give unto you a new commandment,

And this is April 26, 1832.

8. ...that you may understand my will concerning you;

9. Or, in other words, I give unto you directions how you may act before me, that it may turn to you for your salvation.

10. I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.

11. Therefore, verily I say unto you, that it is expedient for my servants***Newel K. Whitney, ***and Sidney Rigdon, and my servant Joseph Smith, and ***Oliver Cowdery, and ***Martin Harris, to be bound together by a bond and covenant that cannot be broken by transgression, except judgments shall immediately follow, in your several stewardships --

12. To manage the affairs of the poor, and all things pertaining to the bishopric both in the land of Zion and in the land of Kirtland;

13. For I have consecrated the land of Kirtland in mine own due time for the benefit of the saints of the Most High, and for a stake to Zion.

14. For Zion must increase in beauty, and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments.

15. Therefore, I give unto you this commandment, that ye bind yourselves by this covenant,

Of the Holy United Order.

15. ...and it shall be done according to the laws of the Lord.

16. Behold, here is wisdom also in me for your good.

17. And you are to be equal, or in other words, you are to have equal claims on the properties, for the benefit of managing the concerns of your stewardships, every man according to his wants and his needs, inasmuch as his wants are just --

18. And all this for the benefit of the church of the living God, that every man may improve upon his talent, that every man may gain other talents, yea, even an hundred fold, to be cast into the Lord's storehouse, to become the common property of the whole church --

Here again are the conditions named to build up Zion, the first two great commandments:

19. Every man seeking the interest of his neighbor, and doing all things with an eye single to the glory of God.

Love God above all and love one another through His holy love.

20. This order I have appointed to be an everlasting order unto you, and unto your successors, inasmuch as you sin not.

21. And the soul that sins against this covenant, and hardeneth his heart against it, shall be dealt with according to the laws of my church, and shall be delivered over to the buffetings of Satan until the day of redemption.

Great is the penalty upon those who covenant to live the United Order and then break that covenant. Great are the blessings for those who live the covenant. Dear brethren, I have taken this time to show you, of the Lord, that before anyone moved to Jackson County, Missouri in this dispensation, of the saints, they knew the conditions, and the Prophet Joseph returned there and gave the word of God and taught them the conditions of how to build up Zion.

And this history thus far is a little less than two years after the Church was organized. April 26, 1832, was two years, a little more than two years.

Pray and pray and pray, brethren. You must learn to pray always, which means you pray as you listen. You brethren should have already within you a living testimony, that when you hear the truth you feel the witness of burning peace. By your receiving Priesthood and Priesthood covenants, you are under oath and covenant to believe these revelations I have read and live them. You should feel the heavenly peace as the word of God is given.

I first read a verse out of Section 6, and then 11, Section 20, Section 38, 41, 42, 43, 45, 52, 57, 58 and 59, 82. Those are what I have referred to thus far.

Brethren, exert your faith while you listen. The Lord expects you to have a living testimony exerted, that when you hear truth, you feel the truth, receive it, and seek to have it burned in your memory and live it immediately.

Continuing on the training, we have been through many revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants showing how the Lord pointed the people to the building up of Zion and naming the laws and the conditions they must live to be Zion and to build Zion. That, dear brethren, is upon us. We must be Zion in order to build Zion.

This Section 82, naming again details of the Holy United Order as the Celestial Law and the law upon which Zion must be built, it was given April 26, 1832. I next refer to Section 84, given September 22 and 23, 1832. And here, for the first time, the Lord has to correct His whole people. Count it, from April to September is about five months, and they, the Priesthood people and the whole Church, were placed under condemnation for treating lightly the commandments of God. And what had they been given? They had been given the first two great commandments lived through the Holy United Order, the laws by which Zion must be established, and this is what they treated lightly. And brethren, this is what this Priesthood people today have treated lightly. And we are still, as a Priesthood people, under the same and even greater condemnation, because we have been taught more and been given more, even the details of the "keep sweet" training. And we have had the Prophets among us who are Zion, and shown how to live and be Zion. And here, for the first time in these revelations, the Lord says to His people that if they do not repent they will be scourged.

D. & C. 84

54. *And your minds in times past have been darkened because of unbelief, and because you have treated lightly the things you have received --*

55. Which vanity and unbelief have brought the whole church under condemnation.

To be condemned means you are not usable. The Lord can't use you in that halfhearted condition.

56. And this condemnation resteth upon the children of Zion, even all.

57. And they shall remain under this condemnation until they repent and remember the new covenant, even the Book of Mormon and the former commandments which I have given them,

not only to say, but to do according to that which I have written --

The former commandments I have just read to you, containing the conditions to build up Zion. They treated it lightly through feelings one against another and other evils.

58. *That they may bring forth fruit meet for their Father's kingdom; otherwise*

If they don't and if we don't live unto God by our covenants,

58. ...otherwise there remaineth a scourge and judgment to be poured out upon the children of Zion.

59. For shall the children of the kingdom pollute my holy land? Verily, I say unto you, Nay. ***

In this Section 84 is the Song of Zion, the prophecies fulfilled, the song we will sing after these great promises are fulfilled.

99. *The Lord hath brought again Zion;
The Lord hath redeemed his people, Israel,
According to the election of grace,
Which was brought to pass by the faith
And covenant of their fathers.*

100. *The Lord hath redeemed his people;
And Satan is bound and time is no longer.
The Lord hath gathered all things in one.
The Lord hath brought down Zion from above.
That is Enoch and his people.*

100. *...The Lord hath brought up Zion from beneath.*

101. *The earth hath travailed and brought forth her strength;*

*And truth is established in her bowels;
And the heavens have smiled upon her;
And she is clothed with the glory of her God;
For he
God,*

101. *...stands in the midst of his people.*

And that, dear brethren, is Zion -- God among the people.

102. *Glory, and honor, and power, and might.*

*Be ascribed to our God; for he is full of mercy,
Justice, grace and truth, and peace,
Forever and ever, Amen.*

Again, that was September 1832, a little over two years after the Church was organized. On December 27, 1832, Section 88 was given, a revelation the Prophet Joseph named as the "Olive Leaf". And in this revelation details are given by the Lord of how to be Zion, particularly verses 119 through 126 of Section 88, which we have named as "The Constitution of the Priesthood Home", or a home in Zion. In these verses is named loving God above all and loving one another.

D. & C. 88

119. Organize yourselves; prepare every needful thing; and establish a house, even a house of prayer.

This is how our homes should be.

119. ...a house of fasting, a house of faith, a house of learning, a house of glory, a house of order, a house of God;

120. That your incomings may be in the name of the Lord; that your outgoings may be in the name of the Lord; that all your salutations may be in the name of the Lord, with uplifted hands unto the Most High.

Every connection through prayer for one another.

121. ...Therefore,

To live this way you must:

121. ...cease from all your light speeches, from all laughter, from all your lustful

Or selfish,

121. ...desires, from all your pride and light-mindedness, and from all your wicked doings.

122. Appoint among yourselves a teacher, and let not all be spokesmen at once; but let one speak at a time and let all listen unto his sayings, that when all have spoken that all may be edified of all, and that every man may have an equal privilege.

123. See that ye love one another; cease to be covetous; learn to impart one to another as the gospel requires.

124. Cease to be idle; cease to be unclean; cease to find fault one with another; cease to sleep longer than is needful; retire to thy bed early, that ye may not be weary; arise early, that your bodies and your minds may be invigorated.

125. And above all things, clothe yourselves with the bond of charity, as with a mantle, which is the bond of perfectness and peace.

Charity is the pure love of Christ, the love of the Father, the love of God. That is how we love, and that is Zion.

126. Pray always, that ye may not faint, until I come. Behold, and lo, I will come quickly, and receive you unto myself. Amen.

This revelation was given December 27, 1832. Joseph Smith received letters from the leading brethren in Zion, in Jackson County, Missouri, and Joseph Smith was in Kirtland. He wrote a letter in reply January 14, 1833, and here the Prophet Joseph gives a strong warning to the leading brethren in Zion and to the saints that a scourging and the judgments of God would come upon the Priesthood people if they did not live as they were commanded. And what were they commanded to do? They were commanded to love God, obey Him, and to love one another. What did they have? In this letter he names that he is sending this Section 88, the "Olive Leaf". They had the Book of Mormon. They had the revelations I have referred to on how to be Zion. Listen to this strong correction:

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Kirtland, January 14, 1833.

Brother William W. Phelps:

I send you the "olive leaf"

Section 88 that I just read to from.

...which we have plucked from the tree of Paradise, the Lord's message of peace to us; for though our brethren in Zion indulge in feelings towards us, which are not according to the requirements of the new covenant,

The New and Everlasting Covenant is the first great commandment.

...yet, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the Lord approves of us, and has accepted us, and established His name in Kirtland for the salvation

of the nations; for the Lord will have a place whence His word will go forth, in these last days, in purity; for if Zion will not purify herself, so as to be approved of in all things, in His sight, He will seek another people; for His work will go on until Israel is gathered, and they who will not hear His voice, must expect to feel His wrath. Let me say unto you, seek to purify yourselves, and also the inhabitants of Zion, lest the Lord's anger be kindled to fierceness.

Repent, repent, is the voice of God to Zion; and strange as it may appear, yet it is true, mankind will persist in self-justification until all their iniquity is exposed, and their character past being redeemed, and that which is treasured up in their hearts be exposed to the gaze of mankind. I say to you (and what I say to you I say to all), hear the warning voice of God, lest Zion fall, and the Lord swear in His wrath the inhabitants of Zion shall not enter into His rest.

To enter into His rest means into His presence in His glory, and they were offered the presence of God as they build up Zion. Great is this blessing of Zion, to be offered the presence and the knowledge of God; and to fall short by not reaching for that blessing and living for it, a people receive the curses of God and the judgments of God upon them.

The brethren in Kirtland pray for you unceasingly, for, knowing the terrors of the Lord, they greatly fear for you. You will see that the Lord commanded us, in Kirtland, to build a house of God, and establish a school for the Prophets, this is the word of the Lord to us, and we must, yea, the Lord helping us, we will obey: as on conditions of our obedience He has promised us great things; yea, even a visit from the heavens to honor us with His own presence. We greatly fear before the Lord lest we should fail of this great honor, which our Master proposes to confer on us; we are seeking for humility and great faith lest we be ashamed in His presence. Our hearts are greatly grieved at the spirit which is breathed both in your letter and that of Brother Gilbert's, the very spirit

Criticism, and complaining and jealousy.

...the very spirit which is wasting the strength of Zion like a pestilence; and if it is not detected and driven from you, it will ripen Zion for the

threatened judgments of God. Remember God sees the secret springs of human action, and knows the hearts of all living.

Brother, suffer us to speak plainly, for God has respect to the feelings of His Saints, and He will not suffer them to be tantalized with impunity. *** All we can say by way of conclusion is, if the fountain of our tears be not dried up, we will still weep for Zion. This from your brother who trembles for Zion, and for the wrath of heaven, which awaits her if she repents not.

(Signed) JOSEPH SMITH, JUN.

January 1833 was that warning, and then shortly thereafter came the mobs, tarring and feathering, persecution at the beginning of 1833; yet the saints remained upon the land. Later the Prophet Joseph would write that some of the leaders in Zion were repenting, but the people as a people did not repent. By August 2, 1833, the Lord gives, as it were, a final warning and promised blessings if the people would repent and live as they were commanded, which is to live those first two great commandments of the love of God to be Zion, to establish Zion. Section 97 was given. They were commanded to build the temple in Zion and He promised them this:

D. & C. 97

15. *And inasmuch as my people build a house unto me in the name of the Lord, and do not suffer any unclean thing to come into it, that it be not defiled, my glory shall rest upon it;*

16. *Yea, and my presence shall be there, for I will come into it, and all the pure in heart that shall come into it shall see God.*

They were offered the greatest blessings, the presence of God among them by building a temple, and by building the temple within, becoming pure in heart.

17. *But if it be defiled I will not come into it, and my glory shall not be there; for I will not come into unholy temples.*

18. *And, now, behold, if Zion do these things she shall prosper, and spread herself and become very glorious, very great, and very terrible.*

19. *And the nations of the earth shall honor her, and shall say: Surely Zion is the city of our*

God, and surely Zion cannot fall, neither be moved out of her place,

Why? What is Zion?

19. ...for God is there, and the hand of the Lord is there;

That is what the redemption of Zion involves.

20. And he hath sworn by the power of his might to be her salvation and her high tower.

21. Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion – THE PURE IN HEART; therefore, let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn.

22. For behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly as the whirlwind; and who shall escape it?

23. The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come;

24. For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their works.

25. Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her.

And again the warning:

26. But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire.

Upon who? Upon the Priesthood people who have entered into Priesthood covenants with the Lord and have broken those covenants by not living the first two great commandments as they have promised.

27. Nevertheless, let it be read this once to her ears, that I, the Lord, have accepted of her offering; and if she sin no more none of these things shall come upon her;

28. And I will bless her with blessings, and multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon her, and upon her generations forever and ever, saith the Lord your God.

The Lord prepared them, in the revelation we know as Section 98, how to endure persecution,

how to forgive and leave judgment to God. Section 97 was given in August 1833. The people did not repent, and by October the mobs came against the Priesthood people, and all the Priesthood people were driven out of Jackson County, Missouri. They mostly fled northward across the Missouri River, and there would be established Far West, Missouri.

The Prophet Joseph yearned unto the Lord to know why and what was to be done, as this was the New Jerusalem that had to be established, and the promise to all the Prophets fulfilled. In Section 101 the Lord gave the reasons why the saints were driven, being offered the presence of God, having been taught, and yet they would not. And dear brethren, these same evils are among the Priesthood people today, and we are under greater condemnation than ever before as a people, because the this is the time the Lord wants to step forth and perform His work.

D. & C. 101

1. Verily I say unto you, concerning your brethren who have been afflicted, and persecuted, and cast out from the land of their inheritance --

2. I, the Lord, have suffered the affliction to come upon them, wherewith they have been afflicted, in consequence of their transgressions;

So the Lord allowed the tribulation to come upon them.

3. Yet I will own them, and they shall be mine in that day when I shall come to make up my jewels.

4. Therefore, they must needs be chastened and tried, even as Abraham, who was commanded to offer up his only son.

5. For all those who will not endure chastening, but deny me, cannot be sanctified.

And notice these evils are a breaking of the first two great commandments:

6. Behold, I say unto you, there were jarrings, and contentions, and envyings, and strifes, and lustful and covetous desires among them; therefore by these things they polluted their inheritances.

7. They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord their God; therefore, the Lord their God

is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble.

8. In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but, in the day of their trouble, of necessity they feel after me.

9. Verily I say unto you, notwithstanding their sins, my bowels are filled with compassion towards them. I will not utterly cast them off; and in the day of wrath I will remember mercy.

10. I have sworn, and the decree hath gone forth by a former commandment which I have given unto you, that I would let fall the sword of mine indignation in behalf of my people; and even as I have said, it shall come to pass.

11. Mine indignation is soon to be poured out without measure upon all nations; and this will I do when the cup of their iniquity is full.

12. And in that day all who are found upon the watch-tower, or in other words, all mine Israel, shall be saved.

13. And they that have been scattered shall be gathered.

14. And all they who have mourned shall be comforted.

15. And all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned.

16. Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion; for all flesh is in mine hands; be still and know that I am God.

17. Zion shall not be moved out of her place, notwithstanding her children are scattered.

18. They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return, and come to their inheritances, they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion --

19. And all these things that the prophets might be fulfilled.

Then the Lord names great events that will happen and the condition we must be in to survive, when He appears in His glory and every corruptible thing will be consumed by the fire from heaven; and only those that are clean every whit and pure in heart will survive. Only those that are Zion will survive, and they must be in the condition of having the love of God perfected within them, the love of the Father perfected;

perfect in faith, like unto the brother of Jared. Satan must be bound in our individual lives. And to that pure people will flow forth the great blessings of Zion, blessings that can't even be described. In this Section the Lord gives the parable of the redemption of Zion, of how the young and middle-aged will be called forth to redeem Zion. Again I voice this was given December 1833.

The Prophet Joseph was yearning to know what to do. Finally, by February 24, 1834, Zion's Camp was called forth and Section 103 was given. I yearn that you will feel these truths.

D. & C. 103

1. Verily I say unto you, my friends, behold, I will give unto you a revelation and commandment, that you may know how to act in the discharge of your duties concerning the salvation and redemption of your brethren, who have been scattered on the land of Zion;

2. Being driven and smitten by the hands of mine enemies, on whom I will pour out my wrath without measure in mine own time.

3. For I have suffered them thus far, that they might fill up the measure of their iniquities, that their cup might be full;

4. And that those who call themselves after my name might be chastened for a little season with a sore and grievous chastisement, because they did not hearken altogether unto the precepts and commandments which I gave unto them.

5. But verily I say unto you, that I have decreed a decree which my people shall realize, inasmuch as they hearken from this very hour unto the counsel which I, the Lord their God, shall give unto them.

6. Behold they shall, for I have decreed it, begin to prevail against mine enemies from this very hour.

On these conditions:

7. And by hearkening to observe all the words which I, the Lord their God, shall speak unto them, they shall never cease to prevail until the kingdoms of the world are subdued under my feet, and the earth is given unto the saints, to possess it forever and ever.

And how does He speak His word? When the Church was organized on April 6, 1830, the very first commandment He gave after the Church was organized was:

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4. *Wherefore, meaning the church, thou shalt give heed unto all his*

The Prophet's,

4. *...words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me;*

5. *For his word ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith.*

6. *For by doing these things the gates of hell shall not prevail against you; yea, and the Lord God will disperse the powers of darkness from before you, and cause the heavens to shake for your good, and his name's glory.*

And in the calling forth of Zion's Camp, in this Section 103, the Lord told the people to pray that the Lord would allow the Prophet Joseph Smith to go with them and lead them. But listen to the conditions set, that only through obeying the commandments the Lord had given could Zion be redeemed. *They had to be Zion to redeem Zion, living those first two great commandments unto perfection.*

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8. *But inasmuch as they keep not my commandments, and hearken not to observe all my words, the kingdoms of the world shall prevail against them.*

Against the Priesthood people.

9. *For they were set to be a light unto the world, and to be the saviors of men;*

10. *And inasmuch as they are not the saviors of men, they are as salt that has lost its savor,*

Priesthood men who have lost Priesthood and the Spirit of God.

10. *...and is thenceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.*

11. *But verily I say unto you, I have decreed that your brethren which have been scattered shall return to the lands of their inheritances, and shall build up the waste places of Zion.*

12. *For after much tribulation, as I have said unto you in a former commandment, cometh the blessing.*

13. *Behold, this is the blessing which I have promised after your tribulations, and the tribulations of your brethren -- your redemption, and the redemption of your brethren, even their restoration to the land of Zion, to be established, no more to be thrown down.*

But again the warning:

14. *Nevertheless, if they pollute their inheritances they shall be thrown down; for I will not spare them if they pollute their inheritances.*

15. *Behold, I say unto you, the redemption of Zion must needs come by power;*

Now note this very well-known scripture. How will Zion be redeemed? This reveals Zion will be redeemed by God being among Zion's Camp, Him leading Zion's Camp.

15. *Behold, I say unto you, the redemption of Zion must needs come by power;*

16. *Therefore, I will raise up unto my people a man, who shall lead them like as Moses led the children of Israel.*

17. *For ye are the children of Israel, and of the seed of Abraham, and ye must needs be led out of bondage by power, and with a stretched-out arm.*

A stretched-arm means in time, through our faith as the blessings flow, Zion will be redeemed. And what is this power by which Zion will be redeemed?

18. *And as your fathers were led at the first, even so shall the redemption of Zion be.*

19. *Therefore, let not your hearts faint, for I say not unto you as I said unto your fathers: Mine angel shall go up before you, but not my presence.*

Here is the answer, here is the power:

20. *But I say unto you: Mine angels shall go up before you, and also my presence,*

God among Zion's Camp, leading Zion's Camp is the power from on high, and the Spirit of God burning in every person, by which Zion will be redeemed.

20. *...and in time ye shall possess the goodly land.*

They were sent forth in February 1834, to go to all the churches and gather up the young and middle-aged. As this was happening, Section 104 was given confirming again that notwithstanding the people were driven from Jackson County, they were required to live the Holy United Order and continue to build Zion no matter where they were. Zion's Camp assembled in May 1834, and with Joseph Smith among them, leaving from Kirtland, and with Hyrum Smith leading a band and others with him from Canada area, they marched toward Jackson County, Missouri.

We have read the history. We know what happened. Almost from the beginning many of Zion's Camp murmured and complained against the Prophet Joseph and others, disobeying his command, treating him as a boy, just as one of them, not realizing that when he spoke it was the word of God to the people; until finally within just a few miles of Jackson County, Missouri, on Fishing River, the Lord scourged them. The Prophet Joseph had previously stood up on the back of a wagon and told the brethren that Zion's Camp would be scourged because they had not obeyed the word of the Lord through him.

As they came right close to Jackson County, Missouri, the cholera struck. Fourteen died. Sixty-eight were afflicted. Even faithful men, like the Prophet Joseph Smith and Heber C. Kimball and others were struck with the cholera and had to plead unto the Lord for their lives to be spared. They fasted and prayed for a week until finally the Lord turned the scourge away from them, and Zion's Camp was disbanded, as the Lord gave the revelation we know as Section 105. And listen, dear brethren, again, the conditions upon which Zion must be redeemed -- in other words, what condition we must be in to help redeem Zion.

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1. *Verily I say unto you who have assembled yourselves together that you may learn my will concerning the redemption of mine afflicted people --*

2. *Behold, I say unto you, were it not for the transgressions of my people, speaking concerning*

the church and not individuals, they might have been redeemed even now.

3. *But behold, they have not learned to be obedient to the things which I required at their hands, but are full of all manner of evil, and do not impart of their substance, as becometh saints, to the poor and afflicted among them;*

He names that they are not living the Holy United Order, even after they covenanted to do so.

4. *And are not united according to the union required by the law of the celestial kingdom;*

And here is what we should have written in our minds and hearts:

5. *And Zion cannot be built up unless it is by the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom; otherwise I cannot receive her unto myself.*

The law of the Celestial Kingdom is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, might, mind, and strength, and show that love by serving Him and obeying Him. The principles of that first great commandment, this law of the Celestial Kingdom, are all the commandments of God we obey to show we love Him, including loving our neighbors as ourselves. Even in this revelation the Lord promised that He would fight the battles for Zion if we would just qualify. Zion's Camp broke up. Through this test and trial and sacrifice, the Lord proved the minds and hearts of many, and great blessings were given and the Church was more fully organized in Kirtland by 1836. But dear brethren, ever since this time, the Priesthood people have been a driven people.

The Lord favored the saints in Kirtland, and yet after all they witnessed in the Kirtland Temple, there was a great falling away in 1837. Joseph Smith had to flee for his life and went to northern Missouri, fleeing Kirtland, Ohio. While he was there the mobs came and drove all the saints out of Missouri. Joseph Smith was taken prisoner for six months. The Priesthood people were driven, mostly settled in Nauvoo, Illinois. The Prophet Joseph Smith was martyred, along with Hyrum Smith. The saints were driven west. After the Priesthood people came west the persecutors followed, brought persecution, through legal means especially, until finally the Priesthood had to go into hiding in the days of John Taylor. Most of the people of the Church fell away after the

Manifesto was signed. And we know of the history, in general, of the Priesthood since the Manifesto was signed. We have been a persecuted people. There was a gathering in Short Creek. There was the raid of the '30's, the, '44 Raid, the '53 Raid, and then the Lord favored us with a day of peace for all these years to bring forth an army of Zion. In summary that brings us to our time. Do you receive this message thus far, brethren?

Response: Yes, sir.

President Warren S. Jeffs: I acknowledge the Lord in all things. I bear witness to you that the Prophet Joseph Smith and the other Prophets and my father, the Prophet Rulon Jeffs, is involved with this great work, and I yearn that you will now exert a living testimony to hear the truth and feel the truth to strengthen you against the day of visitation that is upon us. From this point on you will be hearing revelations given in our time.

I seek the Lord to continue to bless us with His Spirit as I remind you what father spoke in General Meeting, that the Millennium has begun; the seventh period of time has begun. In Section 77 the Lord declared that at the beginning of the seventh period of time the preparations would be made for the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior, the Lord blessing His faithful people and also the Lord destroying the wicked from off the land.

We have sent a message of the Lord to all the Priesthood people, a final warning that the judgments of God are upon the Priesthood people.

Shortly after father's passing, by February 23, 2003, the Lord showed me that He was through with the halfhearted. He said these words:

Revelation Given to President Warren Jeffs
At His Home in Hildale, Utah
Sunday, February 23, 2003

Thus saith the Lord unto my servant Warren Jeffs, the Celestial Law of Plural Marriage is for those who have Zion in their hearts.

He showed me that no longer would He call forth the halfhearted to receive that Celestial Law. Then in June 2003, in General Meeting the Lord had me declare that He was through with the halfhearted, and that He directed me to let go of the halfhearted. In this revelation read in Priesthood

Meeting, June 1, 2003, the Lord confirms and emphasizes again that it is His purpose for His Priesthood people to be instruments to redeem Zion. The mission is the same. All these revelations I have read to you apply to us. We are in the midst of this now. This is June 1, 2003. Again, this was read in Priesthood Meeting.

Revelation Given to President Warren S. Jeffs
At His Home in Hildale, Utah
Sunday, June 1, 2003

3. Zion can only be redeemed upon the principles of the law of the celestial kingdom.

4. And my laws must be abided in purity before me, to honor and glorify my name, and to the confounding of the wicked who are among you.

*5. For it is my purpose to raise up unto myself a pure people to redeem Zion in this generation. And my people who call themselves after my name, and more especially those who have entered into the New and Everlasting Covenant of Marriage, must come out of the world and sanctify their lives in me, and be without spot or blemish; that they may stand in my presence, and be visited with power from on high in mine own due time and way. ****

So once again, on June 1, 2003, the Lord offered to this Priesthood people His renewed promise that He wanted to come among us in His glory, and that we must be prepared by being clean every whit, be without spot or blemish, pure in heart. He named in this revelation how to handle covenant breakers and also how to qualify. Then He said these words, what was about to happen to His people. And this portion was referred to in General Meeting.

15. Verily I say unto my people who call themselves after my name, they have been slow to hearken unto my words; and now my day of visitation is upon them, and they shall be brought to their knees by the spirit of judgment. And if they are pure in heart they shall abide the day.

And here the Lord is telling His Priesthood people to come unto Him, to return to Him; yet we considered ourselves the people who had come unto Him. But we have continued under condemnation through complacency, treating lightly the offered blessings, dwelling in selfish will instead of living the first two great

commandments. We are now in the day of judgment. And brethren, the judgments were brought forth.

16. Come unto me, thy Savior, and be ye saved by sanctifying yourselves through my laws and abiding in my Spirit; for in me there is eternal increase unto a fulness of joy, light, intelligence, and glory. And I am able to make you holy through the power and gifts of my Spirit.

17. Zion must rise and put on her beautiful garments, which are the gifts and powers of my Spirit dwelling in you.

18. I, the Lord, cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance. Repent ye, and abide in my covenants, that I may own and bless you. For the spirit of judgment shall purge Zion; and only the pure in heart shall remain.

So twice in this revelation the Lord said the Priesthood people will be cleansed and purged, brought to our knees by the spirit of judgment. He also promised great blessings if we would repent. That was June. As the Lord promised -- you can count the months -- July was when a very outward wrong took place, about one month later, when our Priesthood people raised up idols, monuments to men instead of glorifying God. And again the Lord called upon us to repent and turn unto Him.

Revelation Given to President Warren S. Jeffs
At His Home in Hildale, Utah
Sunday, July 27, 2003

*1. Verily, I say unto you, my servant Warren, my people have sinned a very grievous sin before me, in that they have raised up monuments to man and have not glorified me; ****

And so on. And He said to repent, and He said, "And if you do not," talking to the people:

4. And behold, I say unto you, mine Elders, beware, for what you do in secret I shall reward you openly. And you must seek my protection through the repentance of your sins and the building up of my Kingdom, my storehouse, my Priesthood on the earth.

5. And if you do not, I shall bring a scourge upon my people to purge the ungodly from among you. And though the righteous will suffer with the wicked, yet I will preserve the pure in heart who are prepared.

I read this in the Priesthood Meeting. Then the Lord had me announce that the ordinances were withdrawn. And then in General Meeting -- this was August 10, 2003 -- I read this revelation of July 27, 2003. In General Meeting, in the authority of the holy Priesthood and by the keys and powers thereof, our meetings were stopped and the ordinances of the Priesthood were withdrawn except by special commandment of the Lord. And dear brethren, that was a judgment of God upon the Priesthood people; and I was mostly withdrawn from the people. In the school meeting of September 2003, the Lord had me say this simple revelation:

"Verily thus saith the Lord unto you my people, return unto me that I may own and bless you."

Shortly after the June 1 revelation where the Lord said the spirit of judgment would purge the ungodly from among us, on June 20, 2003, this revelation was given. I was yearning unto the Lord to know what to do. The Lord said these words June 20, 2003

Revelation given to President Warren Jeffs
At His Home in Hildale, Utah
Friday, June 20, 2003

5. I must purge my people of all ungodliness, and they must needs be tried, and thereby purified.

6. And though you, my servant, will suffer at the hands of traitors, yet I shall preserve thy life, and those that hearken to thy counsels and keep my commandments.

*7. For I will preserve unto myself a people unto the redemption of Zion, and the gathering of Israel. ****

This is what the Lord told me that day:

9. Verily I say unto you my servant, the purification of my people shall include the driving of my people, who are faithful, from their lands and houses. And they shall suffer persecution as the saints did in days of old.

10. And many shall suffer at the hands of thine enemies, yet in that day

The day of driving and persecution,

10. ...I will come out of my hiding place, and defend my people, and destroy thine enemies with

fire and the overflowing scourge and with desolation.

11. *And I will gather my innocent ones, and it shall be marvelous in their eyes, and they will know that it is I that have delivered them, and I will preserve my people.*

Dear brethren, the Lord revealed to me that the faithful will be driven from our consecrated lands in Short Creek and Canada by the wicked. I yearned to know what to do, and in this revelation the Lord spoke further.

12. *Therefore continue the warning voice: Hasten to prepare, for I will reveal the hearts of this people through tribulation.*

We as a people would not prepare, receiving the word of God continually through the Prophets. Now the Lord must bring tribulation upon us in this day, just like He allowed to happen in Joseph Smith's day. The Lord allowed me to say this much to the people before our meetings were stopped, that there was a great shaking about to come upon this Priesthood people and the halfhearted would be removed.

13. *And I declare unto thee, my servant Warren, that from this time forth a door of deliverance shall open up for thee. And I will reveal unto thee, through the whisperings of my Spirit, and also through mine angels whom I will send, and through thy father, what to do through each hour of trial.*

14. *For this is my bond with thee, my servant, that I shall guide you and protect you. Abide in my love and I shall abide in you, and thus you in me.*

15. *I am often among you, and near you, and mine holy angels also, and will reveal to you from time to time the secrets of my kingdom, and how to establish my Zion on the earth.*

16. *And in oneness with all my holy Prophets perform a work that shall fill the earth, and govern the nations of the earth; when I alone shall be glorified as king and ruler, and shall rule over my people in my glory.*

17. *Out of small things proceedeth that which is great, and though you cannot see all things now, you and my prepared people shall yet take part in this great work of redeeming Zion, and*

gathering Israel, and blessing the nations of the earth; fulfilling the purpose I have established for this earth; doing the will of the Father in all things, unto the exalting of his obedient children, thy brothers and sisters.

That was June 20, 2003. By August 10, our meetings were stopped. But from that time forth, the Lord directed me to start traveling throughout the United States, naming to me places to go, and at first He had me travel through many states that He rejected and showed me why He rejected those places. And then He led me to places that He accepted. And He directed me to purchase lands in scattered places against the time when the faithful of His people would be driven. As these lands were purchased, I yearned unto the Lord what this was all about, because our people continued in Short Creek and Canada, and yet the Lord had me do this private work before our meetings were stopped and more fervently afterwards.

After approving a certain land of refuge, signing for others, having no way to buy them at that point, but just trusting in the Lord, my heart was yearning; and on returning to Short Creek the Lord took me in hand on September 17, 2003, and He gave this revelation that I have titled "Revelation on the Places of Refuge". And this will open your minds to the next step of the redemption of Zion, of what the Lord is having us do, and has been in full motion since September 2003, and before. And I witness to you brethren, the redemption of Zion is in full motion, and the Lord is choosing from among His people those whom He will use. Listen to the details. I was yearning to know what was the purpose of these lands being purchased, and this is His answer:

Revelation Given to President Warren S. Jeffs
At His Home in Hildale, Utah
Wednesday, September 17, 2003

1. *Thus saith the Lord, even Jesus Christ, your Redeemer unto you my servant, Warren Jeffs.*

2. *Verily, you are in mine hands, and though you do not see all things now, continue to trust in me; and I will lead you whithersoever you should go, and prepare a way for your escape from the enemies of my work.*

3. *And though you will suffer at their hands, yet I will be with you, and nothing can stay my hand or hinder my purposes on the earth.*

4. *I have sent you to seek places of refuge for my people, and for you my servant, against the time of great persecutions and sufferings, and I will open the way according to your faith, for the purchase of these lands.*

5. *Seek unto me diligently, and I will open up the way for the monies to come into your hands.*

Listen, brethren.

6. *And these lands shall be mine, and consecrated unto me as sacred places on earth, for the faithful of my children.*

Only the faithful can go there. No halfhearted people can go there.

7. *And all who dwell on my sacred lands must abide the laws of the Celestial Kingdom, even the order of Enoch.*

The Holy United Order. Now listen. This should open your minds how Zion is being and will be redeemed.

8. *For these places of refuge shall be gathering places in preparation for going to the center stake of Zion, even that place which I have appointed through my servant Joseph Smith Jr.*

Jackson County, Missouri.

9. *And as the wicked come against you and my people, which I the Lord will allow as a test, and a purification of my people, even so shall I preserve the faithful; and I will lead you, my servant, to declare my word, and so shall I fulfill; even to call down the judgements of God upon this wicked and perverse generation, which is now ripened in iniquity and worthy only to be swept off this land.*

10. *And I will make your word powerful against the wicked, and in mine own time against the nations of this earth; for all have forsaken their God.*

11. *Zion will be redeemed in this generation, for I shall prepare a way of escape for my faithful ones, and they shall honor thy counsels, even my own words through you, my servant.*

12. *And the kingdoms of this world shall yet be constrained to bow the knee to my rule, for I*

am God and I have created the heavens and the earth.

13. *And I have fulfilled the will of the Father in all things to bring salvation unto all those who seek unto the Father through me, and through my Priesthood on the earth.*

14. *And verily I say unto all those who would receive me, receive thee, my servants, whom I send to teach and guide and lead you in the right way; and be ye one that I may own and bless you, and present you pure unto the Father in that day when all men shall be judged according to their deeds in the flesh -- when all secrets shall be revealed, and all men shall know that God the judge of all hath done right; and worketh through justice and equity among the children of men; and whose arm of mercy has been stretched out all the day long, offering repentance and salvation to all who would receive.*

Now He talks again about the lands of refuge.

15. *Verily I say unto you my servant Warren, visit these places of refuge again as I shall lead you, and organize their development as I shall reveal to you.*

16. *And put in store in those places the necessities of life to preserve the lives of my faithful, they who shall come unto thee, my servant, for guidance and deliverance, and by revelation I shall direct them through you where to go.****

18. *And let there be established in these places a presiding Elder, and establish my storehouse in these places of refuge, and let my people who dwell thereon abide the law of consecration and stewardship, even the order of Enoch.*

19. *And though my people shall be scattered, let them organize themselves as my servant shall direct them, and abide my holy laws; and in the day of adversity they shall see I have prepared a way for their escape, and I love them still and will be with them if they abide in me in keeping my commandments.*

20. *And the faithful of my people shall yet be gathered and shall dwell with me in Zion, with songs of everlasting joy; and great shall be their joy in that day of deliverance; when the word of the Lord, through all his holy Prophets, shall be*

fulfilled concerning the redemption of Zion -- a place of refuge and peace, a time when all nations shall fear and tremble, when I shall appear in my glory; and my people be preserved.

21. And let my people who call themselves after my name hasten to prepare themselves, and seek unto me, their God, in the day of scattering and gathering. And I will be their shield and protector, for I will preserve unto myself a people purified through tribulation.

22. Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord, that I may preserve and own and bless you. I the Lord have spoken it. Even so, amen.

I have read this revelation in its entirety. Do you brethren receive this as the word of God to us?

Response: Yes.

President Warren S. Jeffs: Then I put it on the record, these brethren all received this word of God. This is what has been weighing upon me, knowing the Priesthood people will be driven, yearning unto the Lord what to do, and step by step He led me to purchase certain lands in different places. He showed me that He would allow the wicked to come against us, that He would no longer defend the United Effort Plan Trust, that the people on these lands had become complacent and were falling away. And He has to bring a greater shaking to humble His people, lest there be no faith left.

He has called forth laborers in the New Zion's Camp, and you brethren have been named by revelation to join the new Zion's Camp and give your all -- to give your whole lives, times, talents, families, your all to the building up of Zion, under the covenants of Priesthood and of the Holy United Order to be lived in fulness. And you are called to go and labor at the place appointed, whether it be to stay where you now live or to go to a land of refuge and be a laborer there, and prepare the way for others to come.

These lands the Lord had us purchase are in the wilderness, hardly any improvements at all. And we have gone through the experience of colonizing, building houses, seeking unto the Lord to learn the skills of how He wants Zion built up. Blessings of God have attended us, and yet we have nearly been scourged many times. And

Zion's Camp at this time, all of Zion's Camp, is under condemnation, which I will explain to you lest you join this mission and you continue under condemnation.

The Lord seeing and knowing all things warned me that the First Presidency had to withdraw and go into hiding lest our enemies destroy us. You know that there are laws passed for the purpose to take me in bondage and put me in prison. The evil powers know of this mission, and the devil wants this work stopped. The Priesthood people will be scattered, spread among the gentiles. Then the Lord will send me among the gentiles. He will name which individuals He will accept and bring them quietly to the lands of refuge. And in the midst of the scattering there will be a quiet gathering of those the Lord names. And only those who are Zion and who can be Zion can be on the lands of refuge.

It will look like the work of God is crushed, when in reality the work of God is hastening, taking the next step up. And on these lands of refuge, we are called upon to be Zion in fulness, under covenant to establish Zion in fulness by living the first two great commandments unto perfection. By receiving this mission, brethren, you are covenanting to earn the presence of God by living in the constant increase of the Spirit of God, by living the first two great commandments unto perfection.

We have been taught the "keep sweet" training perfectly, through Uncle Roy and through father. President John Y. Barlow summarized the first two great commandments in the words "keep sweet no matter what", and you know how this has been drilled into us. It is now time to be Zion. And I ask you to answer the Lord and yourselves, are you Zion? Are you living in the lively increase of the Spirit of God in the gift of the love of God always exercised, and thereby do you become one with God through Priesthood.

On January 10, 2004, the Lord had me go to Short Creek and stand at the work meeting and handle many men who were master deceivers. A master deceiver is a man who claims to hold Priesthood, among the Priesthood people, who does not hold Priesthood. And the first person a master deceives is himself. A master deceiver

deceives himself first, men who compromise and their hearts are not right. The Lord had me stand before the people and read part of a revelation dated December 24, 2003. At the end of this revelation the Lord told me He would send me in His time to make these corrections as a deliverance for the Priesthood people. You know since that time, the pressure has become greater. The attacks of the apostates through government pressure has become greater.

The Lord revealed to me that in 2003, a secret combination was in place between the apostates everywhere, many of them, and the government officials, and also traitors and halfhearted men, false brethren among the Priesthood people. And that conspiracy involved taking me captive, putting me in jail, bringing forth witnesses, that involved the passing of these laws, to call us criminals by performing marriages, so-called "under-age" marriages, and proving that the United Effort Plan Trust and the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were so-called "criminal organizations"; and thereby they planned to dissolve the Trust, through their legal means take away our lands and houses, and in their minds destroy the work of God. This has been in operation for two years now, this conspiracy. It has been in the minds and hearts of individuals for many years.

Apostates in Short Creek area, Canada, Salt Lake, and everywhere have combined. And right in the midst of this, master deceivers and false brethren were among the Priesthood people. As a deliverance the Lord has had me handle many men. These men should have come confessing their sins and seeking to be cleaned up. Instead they continued on in the self-deception and deceiving their own families and others. For the sake of the work of God the Lord had me step forth and make corrections, and in love for these men, that they possibly could repent to a degree.

I read the revelation on January 10, dated December 24, 2003, in part. I will read you the portion that I was not allowed to read in that meeting, as it talks about the lands of refuge. Naming certain men in the revelation, and then the Lord having me name other men He had shown me did not hold Priesthood, I read a portion of what I read on that occasion of January 10.

Revelation Given to President Warren S. Jeffs
At His Place of Refuge
Thursday, December 24, 2003

17. I shall send you, my servant, to reveal these things unto my people in mine own time; for behold I am now cutting short my work in righteousness, and will choose from among my people those who are prepared to participate in the work of the redemption of Zion.

This is the part I was not allowed to read to the people.

18. And I am withdrawing the quorum of the First Presidency of my church from among my people, to preserve them in me, and their faith, and their future mission, and as a test upon my people.

19. And I will have a tried and chastened people, purified through tribulation, wherein the wise virgins who have perfected the love of the Father, through my grace and mercy within their hearts, shall be called forth.

20. And through these tests and trials shall the halfhearted be removed and perform their works of darkness, wherein I the Lord shall be justified to send my judgments upon them; and thus will I preserve the faithful of my people.

21. Let the First Presidency of my church be one, and believe the revelations of my will I send to you through my servant, and uphold him through the prayer of faith; and be prepared to assist in the fulness of the redemption of Zion.

22. And as mine elect are gathered to these places of refuge by the revelations of my will, as I shall appoint through my servant, Warren Jeffs, let the First Presidency of my church travel among my scattered people as I shall appoint; and encourage and teach and bless my faithful ones, that they

The faithful ones,

22. ...may be better qualified to dwell in my presence on these places of refuge, and be led by me and the holy angels from these places of refuge to the center stake of Zion, and perform the work of the fulness of the redemption of Zion in that place.

23. And through your faith, and continued humility and seeking unto me with all diligence,

shall I put a cloud of protection over my people who are in these places of refuge, wherein the wicked shall not be able to enter; that you, my people may have experience in seeking unto me, the Lord thy God, for the blessings of heaven to descend upon you, in houses, lands, food, clothing, and the blessings of life; and also the perfection of the gifts of my character and attributes in your nature, to qualify you to walk and talk with God,

That is our goal. That is what this mission is all about, to come into the presence of God in honor.

23. ...that you may be vessels of honor, all those that will prepare and perfect their lives in me.

This next verse I will read, I read this next verse at the January 10, 2004 meeting, and to the end of the revelation.

24. Behold, I am Jesus Christ, the Creator of the heavens and earth, and it is my will and purpose to descend from heaven to earth in the power of the glory of my might to dwell with my prepared people for a thousand years, and perform the work of salvation of the children of the Father of all generations who will qualify and who endure faithful to the end.

So you see, brethren, the Lord is near, giving revelation and guiding His work. You who are called to go to a land of refuge, it will be a constant labor and a constant prayer of rejoicing exerted. You must enter into covenants to go and join this mission, and these are very serious covenants. Some men have broken these covenants and they have lost Priesthood, and they have lost their eternal blessings. They have been handled. The tests are very fine-tuned. The evil powers will whisper stronger and try to turn your mind and heart from this mission. And you will have to exert yourselves constantly to reach for the strength of heaven; and thereby, through a living faith, exerting the love of God, you will reach for the strength of heaven in every job, and have pure thoughts and perform your labors. Men have been sent away and handled because they continued in light-mindedness or immoral thoughts and desires.

I am telling you, the Lord is watching us, and the Prophets go among us, and He names the secrets of men's minds and hearts; and you will not

be able to hide what you are. But there are people on the lands of refuge qualifying for the fulness of Zion. Meetings are being held. The ordinances of the Priesthood are being given. The ordinances will not be restored in Short Creek. The meetings will not be restored in Short Creek. But that work continues among the obedient on the lands of refuge. So the redemption of Zion is in full progress, and yet Zion's Camp has fallen short.

When you move to a land of refuge you will be called upon to listen to all the trainings that have been given. For oneness to exist, there must be oneness in training. And before you can join the laborers, then you must listen to all the trainings.

At this point I pause in the training and ask you to raise your hand and voice, do you receive these revelations, this training, and will you abide these truths, dear brethren?

Response: Yes, sir.

President Warren S. Jeffs: I put on my record all present agree with the Lord that they uphold this message. I will now ask you one by one, putting it on my record, do you receive this mission of the fulness of the redemption of Zion, entering into the covenant of the fulness of the Holy United Order to live the first two great commandments unto perfection, covenanting to keep sacred things secret, where you cannot even reveal to your own families about this mission unless the Lord names them to know and be part of it? Now, this is now and the rest of your lives and into eternity, the building up of Zion in fulness.

You are covenanting to consecrate all and receive through the storehouse what you need when you move to a land of refuge. There is no money system on the lands of refuge. Everyone receives their needs from the storehouse, and everyone is equal -- no rich, no poor, all building up the storehouse, all using just what they need, and all involved in a constant labor of rejoicing in the Lord.

Some houses are built on these lands of refuge. Many of the men live in travel trailers, a bunkhouse type of living. They call their families. They give some teachings from the scriptures, but they do not break confidence or reveal where they are or what they are doing. And all of this is the covenant of the mission of the redemption of Zion

and a training to keep the Lord's confidence and to give your all. As Section 58 declares, though you do not see with your natural eyes all things, I say to you, though you don't see all things right now, the Lord helping us, we can keep this covenant.

[Brethren entered into covenants]

Then I place in the record that all present have received this mission and entered into covenants with God. I thank the Lord for you. You have much to learn, and you must be as little children in the Lord's hands.

You see that He is naming the details of what men should do. This is His mission, His errand, and He is guiding us. Brethren, this covenant is, in its fulness, to come into the presence of God. Some people have been handled, sent away, lost Priesthood, lost their families and eternal blessings, because they entered into this covenant and then treated this mission lightly. Light-mindedness is a great sin in Zion. The Lord has directed that the laborers in Zion must take upon them a heavenly hush, a humility, only speak and do through the power of the Spirit of God through prayer.

In this mission of the redemption of Zion the Lord showed me that one land for sure would be discovered by our enemies, because He showed me that a temple would be built on this land, and that temple is now in full progress of being built.

I will say further about warnings. In Zion there are no gossips, and every person learns the truth by those in authority. And you don't ask people questions where you are wanting them to break confidence. That is why, when you go to a land of refuge, you must sit and listen to all the trainings. You are listening to the one in authority. Then you won't have to ask other men to break confidence.

To go on a land of refuge, you must be ordained, set apart rather, as a temple builder, receive an ordinance as a temple builder, to work on the outside of the temple. Then you must progress and receive further ordinances to be allowed to go in the temple. You must receive an ordinance called the gift of the nerves of steel, which is an ordinance of the love of God sealed in your mind and heart as a daily increase. You must keep sweet no matter what to earn that ordinance. And then you can be set apart, having received that

ordinance, as a temple worker, where you are allowed to go inside the temple and help build it, and eventually participate in the ordinances in the temple. So you brethren have further ordinances to earn on the lands of refuge.

And then as the temple is being completed, laborers will only be allowed in certain places of the temple as they receive the next ordinance, called the holy anointings, where the Keyholder of Priesthood lays hands on your head and declares you clean every whit, by revelation of the Lord giving your name, through the repentance of all your sins and weaknesses. And through these ordinances earned and covenants made and kept, a people will be brought into the presence of God in the temple. You will recognize the holy anointings ordinance in the History of the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Lord revealed these other ordinances to qualify and prepare people. And you are only given these ordinances as you are named by revelation. And you just can't hide from the Lord. He will reveal your heart.

So you three brethren going to the land of refuge, you cannot go on the temple lot or the temple rock quarry or where we process the temple rock unless you are set apart by the laying on of hands as a temple builder. But there are other areas on the land where projects are being constructed, houses built. When you arrive you will be shown where to stay, and you will stay in your place and listen to all the trainings, which could take a few days. Listen to them as quickly as you can and stay awake. You will join in the meals at the storehouse, any prayer circles at the storehouse, but not at the temple yet. There are other lands of refuge, but you brethren will be sent to a land of refuge where the temple is being built, as we need you there. The land of refuge where the temple is being built is called the Texas Stake of Zion, a large land. Our enemies know of us and are seeking to stop us and destroy us and take that land from us. But the greatest challenge we have had is from within, the whisperings of evil working upon the minds and hearts of the people, and certain people losing their place.

To show you how this is the Lord's mission, up to this very time the Lord has not allowed me to send all my family to the lands of refuge. Only those the Lord names can go there; and then again.

some of those He has named have not kept their covenants and have been sent away, not allowed to remain on the lands of refuge, and some have lost their place and have to be rebaptized, because they break their covenants by continuing on in bad feelings. Some men have lost Priesthood by continuing on in doubts, fears and worries, which opens them up to the revelations of satan and to fight against Priesthood. I tell you that the tests are great and more fine-tuned, and you must be loyal to God and Priesthood.

You will hear certain revelations where men have been handled as the evil powers tried to destroy this work, by thrusting upon men or ladies that opened up their minds and hearts to the revelations of satan. One man was the presiding elder at the land we call R17, Refuge Seventeen. The seventeen is just meaningless. We just name it that. That is the Texas Stake of Zion. This man was Ernest Jessop, Merrill Jessop's son, and he became darkened through his pride, where the evil powers were about to overthrow that mission, and the Lord handled him and rejected him. Also, Allen Steed, at the same time, was handled, who took on the doubts, fears and worries, become an instrument through which the evil powers were working. He lost Priesthood. The Lord delivered Zion's Camp from destruction. These leading brethren, had they continued, could have brought harm upon the mission. I love these men and others that have been handled. I leave them in the Lord's hands. But it shows you brethren, and I am warning you and also inviting you to a greater success, do not be halfhearted in this mission. Give your all and live in the constant increase of the Spirit of God.

I have heard nearly every man say, or write a letter to me, that once they received these covenants the whisperings of evil have become stronger than ever, and they have wondered why. That is because every time you take a step up, the evil powers take a step up in their effort to stop you. So just settle down and be fervent. And if you find there is a battle to fight, remember there is one right way to succeed, and that is the prayer of gratitude. Thank the Lord for the experience and turn to Him and ask for deliverance and exert His love, His peace, and a heaven will grow in you. And if the evil powers whisper stronger, thank the

Lord more, and reach for and receive and exert His love. Through fervent faith will satan be bound until the love of God is a power of revelation, of exalted thoughts and feelings.

Some men have fallen into the trap where, when they are tempted to have bad feelings and evil thoughts and desires, they then feel bad about those bad feelings. That is a trap of the devil, that you feel bad against yourself because you are tempted with bad feelings. Don't fall into that trap. Thank the Lord that you have that test, tell Him you only want His exalted thoughts and feelings, bless others, pray for others; stay loyal to the increase of the Spirit of God through the prayer of rejoicing, and you be Zion by living in the increase of the Spirit of God.

Three times Zion's Camp fell short, meaning they didn't qualify. You will be called upon to listen to the August meetings until now, and then go back to the December 2003, and listen to the meetings up to August 2004. You can only hear these as you go to a land of refuge, as these trainings are not to go off those lands. Even if you do trucking or traveling, you do not take the trainings and transcripts with you.

In these trainings you will see that Zion's Camp was corrected strongly for immorality. To even have a pleasurable thought toward a woman who is not your wife, you will be detected. The Spirit of God will withdraw. You must be clean and pure in your thinking and feelings, and think of God and your love for Him, and not let your mind wander to immorality. You will see that one of the major reasons men have fallen away and had to be handled in Zion's Camp was because they took on doubts, fears and worries, mainly against themselves, which invited within themselves the revelations of satan. A doubter becomes a revelator of satan. Faith. We are the household of faith. You must receive this mission in full faith.

By these trainings you will see this mission has been led in constant revelation. The Lord is choosing from among His people. I just yearn that you will learn by the experience of others and not make the same mistakes. You who do not go to a land of refuge yet, pray fervently that you can advance and receive the further training. You have so much more to earn. That is the mission in

summary. Details will be given you as you go to a land of refuge. I love you, dear brethren. Let us go forward.

Getting back to the present pressure of the government and the apostates, the devil wants this work stopped. These laws were passed for the purpose of putting me in prison so I could not fulfill what the Lord directed. As we established R17, the Lord gave a revelation, December 1, 2003. These revelations, many of them are printed in booklets and are on the lands of refuge, so the people can read them there. My quick presentation here is not the last time you will hear them if you go to a land of refuge. But I will refer to this December 1, 2003 revelation. And I emphasize to you, brethren, that the only people that can go to the lands of refuge are those the Lord names.

The Lord had me warn the elders on the lands of refuge that if you break the Lord's confidence and betray this mission and tell those who are not appointed about this mission, you will lose Priesthood and you will lose your place. I am talking of the safety and lives of the Priesthood people now, and we must be one on these lands of refuge. The Lord has been cleaning us up. I have had to send some people away recently from the lands of refuge because they are holding back this mission. You should have a confidence growing within you that the Lord named you, that you are able to succeed. Now exert a faith equal to knowledge. The Lord expects each man to be like a brother of Jared in each job, receive the directive, reach for the strength of heaven, and do all that you do through the power of the Spirit of God. But listen to this:

Revelation Given to President Warren S. Jeffs
Traveling to R17
Monday, December 1, 2003

12. As you are now on my errand

The Lord speaking to me,

12. ...to establish another place of refuge, dedicate this land unto me and other lands that I shall lead you to purchase, and I will reveal unto you, my servant, who to send to these lands, according to the faith of the people who are sent, to establish the Spirit of Zion upon these consecrated lands of refuge.

That is your mission.

13. So shall I allow you my servant to visit them and teach and guide them, that they may learn wisdom, and gain knowledge by experience to trust in me.

So I have to be in hiding in my travels, not let anyone know. And when I come to a land of refuge, you must not reveal where I am in your phone calls and your letters. You must not reveal what I have said, or what the First Presidency may say when they visit. You can teach your families over the phone, from the scriptures, the very principles that have always been taught our people, but you cannot reveal what is happening in this mission. I am giving you this training and warning so you don't break your covenants and lose your place. Some have lost their place because of these things.

14. And I will reveal unto my people through you, my servant, and by the Spirit of revelation guiding them, the knowledge and skills, the gifts and blessings needed to establish my people upon these lands.

15. And through their continued faith and the perfection of their lives, the glory of the Lord shall be there; and as I send forth my judgments upon this nation, and upon the ungodly who persecute and drive my people, I shall send the powers of heaven upon my faithful ones in these places of refuge, even a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.

*16. Hasten the development of these lands, for a time of great distress is soon to come upon my people and the people of the earth, and you shall hardly have time to perform this work before the cleansing process purges my people. ****

The Lord showed me they were going to take away our lands and houses. He showed me that it was the intention of our enemies to pull me and many people into court and turn traitor by bearing witness in court of my father's doings and my doings, concerning the Celestial Law of Marriage, the judging of the people, bringing God into question and what He does among His Priesthood people and on His Priesthood lands in His Celestial Law. And I say to you brethren, no person, no court, no government, no people on the face of the whole earth has the right or authority to

bring God into question what He has His Prophets do in the Celestial Law among His Priesthood people on His consecrated lands.

That is what these present lawsuits and attacks are. And so the Lord told me, "Answer them nothing, and don't give them any testimony or witness."

Now the courts are rendering a default judgment against us. And in their organized attack and their conspiracy coming to fruition, they are about to take away our lands and houses, and they are even reaching for the lands of refuge they know about; and it will take great faith to preserve the lands of refuge.

I tell you brethren, also, that the Lord has rejected Short Creek. But He will preserve the faithful who will turn unto Him. The greatest persecutors that will come against us are still among us, the halfhearted who will fall away. It is going to be terrible, the scenes we will witness, the very scenes that the Prophet Joseph saw in vision when he asked the Lord to close the vision. He has told me to tell those on this mission to give your all and the Lord will preserve the faithful of your families. Encourage them to be Zion and live the first two great commandments, and they can be named, as the Lord has had some family members move to the lands of refuge. But I will read this:

20. Behold, there are secret combinations against you, my servant, among the people who have professed my name; for many do fear at this time, lest their sins be exposed and judgment come upon them according to the laws of my church.

21. And I have withdrawn you, my servant, as a test

A test upon the people.

21. ...and for your own protection,

22. And now my day of judgment shall come upon my people, to purge out the ungodly from among them. And though the faithful of my people shall suffer greatly at the hands of the wicked, as they seek unto me, I will lead you, my servant, to gather mine elect from among them, and bring them to these lands of refuge by the revelations of my will.

23. I will yet send the overflowing scourge against this wicked and perverse generation, and my other judgments, beginning at the house of

God, those that have professed to know my name but have not known me among my people.

24. And as they

The halfhearted who are falling away and will fall away.

24. And as they drive the righteous from among them, my judgments shall begin as a whirlwind upon them, to leave neither root nor branch, for I have already severed the ungodly from the ordinances of mine house, and am withdrawing my Spirit from them.

25. Know this, my servant, you are in mine hands; and though you shall witness great distress among the people, as you apply unto me for guidance and strength, so shall I be with you, and you shall stand as a witness against this generation; and as I shall lead you, then you shall call down the judgments of God upon the people, and so shall I fulfill.

August 20, 2003 was when the Lord showed me there would be many lands of refuge instead of just one, as He had me find a first one, and then He expanded my vision to see there would be several. Do not ask about the different lands of refuge. Be grateful to know what you do know, and keep confidences and don't ask details. Do not ask about the temple. Be grateful to know what you are allowed, and keep confidences, and don't others to break their confidences. On August 20, 2003, the Lord revealed that there would be places of refuge and then said:

Revelation given to President Warren S. Jeffs
At His Place of Refuge,
Wednesday, August 20, 2003

2. For verily I say unto you, the faithful of my people shall be driven, that I may purge out the ungodly from among you. And they who persecute my people shall be cut off from the land of the living in mine own due time, in a day that they know not.

3. And I will preserve my little ones, those who serve me and keep my commandments faithfully, through my almighty power. And though they be scattered, yet shall they be gathered.

4. And though my faithful ones be few in number, out of small things shall proceed that which is great; and I will establish my work, the

Zion of our God, upon the face of this land, and nothing can stay my hand.

5. Only continue faithful, and I will lead you whithersoever thou should go.***

In this revelation the Lord said:

16. And though you, my people, shall pass through the great and dreadful day of the Lord, yet shall mine elect escape and be preserved in me.

17. Repent ye, repent ye, and serve me in Spirit and in truth, that I may own and bless you, O ye my people.

18. And receive my word that I shall give unto you through my servant; that ye may be my people.

19. I, the Lord, have lead you, my servant Warren, to seek a place of refuge, and will guide you from place to place as you seek unto me through the prayer of faith and humility.

20. Wicked men have combined against you, and work in secret to destroy my purposes on the earth.

21. Yet I, the Lord, know their hearts and will provide a way of deliverance for my work and kingdom to continue on the earth.

22. And they who combine against thee, my servant, shall fall into the pit they have digged to destroy you; and my judgment shall be answered upon their heads in a manner they cannot escape.

23. Search diligently, and bless the pure in heart. And though thy friends turn against thee, my servant; and traitors seek your destruction, yet the pure in heart shall honor you and follow my counsels through you.

24. And I will preserve unto myself a clean and pure people. And how great shall be their joy in that day of deliverance, and as they dwell with me in Zion, and in the kingdom of my father, forever and ever.

In summary, I have given you trainings of success, warnings against failure, yearning that you will see how important this mission and these covenant are. I love you. The Lord loves you. You love Him most and He will be with you and strengthen you. We must be one. In listening to

the trainings, then you will receive much more understanding.

And while you are all here, I want you to understand what the fine-tuned test is that is about to come upon us. Yes, the enemy will come against the faithful, but there is a fine-tuned test. Our enemies are trying to present themselves as liberators, saying, "You are under a One Man Rule dictatorship," and the court may easily offer the people their lands and houses, to put it in their own names, and there is the test. Those lands and houses were consecrated unto the Lord, and they belong to Him. And for any of us to put lands or houses that belong to the Lord in our own name, we become the thieves, and we have joined the apostates, and we would rather be driven and leave that community and live among the wicked cities than to put the Lord's consecrated lands and houses in our own name.

The government and the apostates are thieves, and they have murder in their hearts. The Lord has had me answer them nothing. We uphold the United Effort Plan Trust, which is organized to build up the Church and Kingdom of God. And our enemies have concocted laws in an attack that calls upon us to compromise and bring the work of God under their rule and their guidance.

I cannot compromise the redemption of Zion for anyone or anything. Stand true and faithful. Don't be deceived. The Lord will take care of your families who are faithful, if you are faithful and give your all to this mission. But we must be one in this vision of the Lord of what He is allowing to come upon His people. And in the handling of men who have proved unworthy, sympathy against authority will make you lose Priesthood, and all that takes is a wonderment if the Lord and the Prophet did right -- just a wonderment. That little doubt is the beginning of self-destruction. So have a living testimony through the love of God always exercised. I am fitting a whole lot in here before you leave.

In the redemption of Zion the Lord has appointed that the laborers meet morning, noon, and night in circle prayer, arms to the square, reaching for the strength of heaven. Circle prayer is a symbol of oneness exerted. A circle is a symbol on oneness, togetherness in the Lord. And

you are to carry that prayer in your mind and heart with you wherever you go. Anytime a new major task is started and then completed there are circle prayers, a constant exertion of prayer in this great work. The laborers are working night and day. There are not socials. There is not basketball, soccer, baseball. The gentile ways have been done away with. The children are learning the joy of constant hard work and constant prayer of

rejoicing. There is so much for you to learn. Come and be teachable; be directable. Do you receive this, brethren?

Response: Yes!

President Warren S. Jeffs: Please join with me in circle prayer as your first dedication prayer in this mission, to end this; which I bear testimony of these things, the revelations of God and His will, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.